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(From Our Own Correspondent.)
MACAO, December 8.

The Becc de Rosa by-lane which branches off from the main road where the two leading fashions shops face each other and which is highly the heart of the rug-tag and button of the Colony, was yesterday the scene of a dramatic sequel to an affair traced to the eternal feminine: "Cherchez la femme."

During a heated interchange of words between a Filipino and two lukongs, the former resorted to his cuchillo and stabbed one of his opponents in the abdomen, causing instant death, while the other was removed in a very precarious condition to the military hospital where he succumbed this morning to several deep chest wounds.

The assassin was immediately arrested. He goes by the name of Hilario Barte but his real name is said to be Felipe Pina. Rumour has it that he came over to Macao about five years ago, a refugee from the paternal roof, having incurred the wrath of his father for playing false with his own kin and kin during the Hispano-American war.

The typhoon signal was hoisted from the early hours of morn yesterday and is still hanging from the yard arm of the flagstaff at Glia fort. It began drizzling this morning and at writing a steady downpour is no cheerful augury for the annual procession of the Blessed Virgin to be held this afternoon in honour of the Patron Saint of Portugal.

Lieut. Germano Diaz, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, has been appointed to the charge of the depot of arms and munitions of war imported by private dealers, in the stead of Lieut. Santos, who resigns.

On this have been current of late that the lottery of the Santa Casa is on the eve of another collapse but these rumours have not the slightest foundation in fact. Sr. Miranda Guedes, Director of Public Works, is leaving shortly for Shanghai on affairs relating to the projected Canton-Macao Railway Line.

THE NATIVE PRESS AND THE FATSEAN CASE.

The native press discusses the Fatsean case with a good deal of bitterness. This bitterness is aimed, apparently, not against the British Consulate, but against the native officials, and especially against the Viceroy of Canton. The innuendo appears to suggest that he has not taken up the matter with the thoroughness that was his duty and has not exerted himself to find out whether the foreigner charged with using force against the unfortunate man who died, was guilty or innocent. Treaties are quoted, and it is pointed out that, though the British Authorities could not well do anything further under the circumstances, the course was open to charge the man in the Portuguese Consulate. This, it is contended, would settle the matter to the bottom. It is clear, however, that the fact that foreigners are not liable to the laws of the Chinese Empire greatly irritates the writer, for he goes at great length to point out what would happen in any other country if such a thing had occurred, saying that unless it had happened on a man-of-war, the assumed culprit would be taken off by the police of the country where the deed had been committed, and would be tried, with the result that his guilt or innocence would be brought to light. In China this is impossible, and therefore arises all this difficulty. The writer continues that it now remains for the Viceroy to take the matter up, and bring the case before the Portuguese Consul. This would be easy, because the British Consulate has promised that if the case is carried to this court, and any further steps necessary, being British, shall be forthcoming, and shall be examined in order to find out the truth. The whole complaint, however, is not against the foreign Consulate at all, but against the native officials, who are said to be indifferent to the honour of their own country, and prefer to let things slide rather than force an unpleasant matter to its issue. Then, after all, it is said, that the rights of China are not, Chinese at all. Each writer and each discussion is a good deal of harm, and yet it is not easy to suppress them.

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As he found the railway difficult to build the question was shelved, but recently the Board of Agriculture, Words and Commerce ascertained that the project was really a valuable one, so they are discussing the matter with the Viceroy of Lingkwang, which province would have to find the money for the railway.

DISQUIET IN KWANGTUNG PROVINCE.

It is reported in vernacular papers, that the Heads of the police department in Kwangtung Province are apprehensive of unrest and even riots in the near future. The activity of the Reformers is said to be increasingly aggressive. Reports of what is suspected are daily brought to the notice of the Viceroy, who is taking abnormal precautions against any uprising. According to Chinese journalists the Viceroy has instructed the Superintendent of Trade and the local Secretary for Foreign Affairs to confer with the various Consuls in Canton with a view to inducing them not to allow their nationals to proceed into the country here and there as they have been accustomed to do of late years. This, apparently, is but a temporary disability, but so far the Consuls have declined to accede to the suggestion of the Chinese authorities. The consequence is that the Viceroy wants to know the destination of any parties that may wish to travel through the interior, in order that special precautions may be taken to avoid trouble.

Nothing seems to be said about the movements of missionaries, so it may be presumed that they, being familiar with the interior, and with the language of the people, are able to look after themselves, and will not be embroiled with any of their neighbours, as they are quite familiar with the tension of feeling amongst the masses, supposing that this diagnosis is correct. It is pointed out by the Authorities that this period of difficulty will not last long, but that after Chinese New Year, when things have quieted down a little, affairs will again take a normal course, and the old freedom of movement will again be restored to those who seek to make use of it. What the real facts are it is difficult to say, but the officials are undoubtedly anxious and are taking all precautions.

SAIORS AND THE CARNegie HERO FUND.

With regard to the appeal of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild to Mr. Carnegie that sea-faring heros outside the waters of the United Kingdom should not be excluded from the benefits arising from the Carnegie Hero Fund, the following letters have now passed between the Guild and Mr. William George, M.A., Secretary of the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust:

THE CARNegie HERO FUND TRUST, Dunfermline, Scotland, October 20th, 1908.

T. W. MOORE, Esq., Secretary, Imperial Merchant Service Guild, Dear Sir:—I have received yours of the 13th inst., along with a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Carnegie, with reference to the extension of the scope of the Carnegie Hero Fund so as to include territorial waters outside the limits of the waters of the British Islands. Careful and very sympathetic consideration has been given to the question by the Trustees, inasmuch as they appreciate the hardship involved in drawing a line which to certain extent excludes British seamen. A similar hardship exists in the case of heroic actions which were performed before the 21st September, 1908: the Fund not being retrospective in its operation, and actions prior to that date being accordingly excluded. The terms of the institution of the Fund are, however, quite definite, and according to those terms it applies only to the British Islands and the waters thereof; the "waters thereof" being defined as the territorial waters surrounding the British Islands. It would give the Trustees great pleasure to know that in some other way provision could be made for the suitable recognition of heroic deeds performed by British sailors beyond the limits of the territorial waters referred to similar to the provision which is made under the Carnegie Hero Fund.

Regretting that I am unable to send a more favourable reply—I am, Yours faithfully, (Signed) WILLIAM GEORGE, Secretary.

The Imperial Merchant Service Guild, October 23rd, 1908.

Dear Sir:—I beg to thank you for your note of communication of yesterday's date, though it is with much regret that the present terms of the administration of the Carnegie Fund are such as to exclude the consideration of any case of heroism performed by British sea-farers outside the waters of the British Islands. We can, of course, quite understand that the Trustees of the Fund must adhere strictly to the regulations laid down by Mr. Carnegie. We had hoped that our representations to Mr. Carnegie might have induced him to modify the regulations in so far as they apply to British seafarers, when, of course, it would have been possible for the Trustees of the Fund to consider heroic actions which had taken place at sea. Possibly, and we sincerely hope that a little later his generosity may be extended to those who are in what can quite properly be termed British territory—I am, Dear Sir, Yours faithfully, (Signed) T. W. MOORE, Secretary.

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DECLINING BRITISH TRADE.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)
LONDON, December 8.
The imports into Great Britain during November have decreased by £7,237,650, while the decrease in exports amounts to £9,714,761.

THE INVASION OF ENGLAND.

FOG INCIDENT DENIED.

Language Said to Have Been Misrepresented.

(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)
LONDON, December 8.

Mr. Reginald McKenna, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking in the House of Commons, stated that Rear-Admiral Frank Finnis, of the Home fleet, who was reported to have said while speaking at Dover that during the last manoeuvres he conveyed a force representing 70,000 men to the Scottish coast unseen by the British Fleet, owing to the prevalence of fog, had no command during the last manoeuvres and further there was no such incident.

Rear-Admiral Frank Finnis explains that the words he used on that occasion were misrepresented.

Mr. McKenna is taking further steps to discover the precise language used.

(REUTERS SERVICE.)

AUSTRIA AND TURKEY.

LONDON, December 7.

Advices from Constantinople state that the boycott of Austrian goods has extended to the whole of the Empire, except Smyrna.

RE-OPENING OF LIEUTENANT WOODS' CASE.

LONDON, December 7.

The case of Lieutenant Woods has been re-opened, and writes have been served on Mr. Haldane, General Lyttelton, and others, then members of the Army Council, on the ground that they exceeded their powers in requiring the officer's resignation. An enquiry was held in Chelsea barracks on the 19th November, 1907, to investigate complaints made by Lieutenant Woods of the 2nd Grenadier Guards, regarding alleged unjust treatment in certain reports of the War Office.

THE SITUATION IN THE NEAR EAST.

LONDON, December 7.

The situation in the Near East is regarded as discouraging; the boycott is unabated and the tension between Austria and Turkey is increasing. Austria and Turkey are unquestionably preparing for emergencies. Italy's entente with Russia, which, though an unwritten one, is said to constitute a definite agreement to mutually support their respective interests in the Balkans, is hailed with satisfaction in St. Petersburg and with ill-concealed dismay in Vienna.

WOMEN FINED FOR GAMBLING.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON, December 8.

A few days ago some women were found gambling in a Fanta house in Fung Yuen street, Salwan, and were at once arrested. The Fanta house has been confiscated and yesterday the women were brought before the magistrate; one was fined \$2,000, and the others \$80 each.

BACHELORS' DANCE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
SHANGHAI, December 8.

It is the custom here for the British Bachelors to give a dance in the club theatre every season, generally on New Year's eve.

Something is to be held in the Club at seven o'clock to-morrow evening to make arrangements for this season's dance.

A RELIABLE REMEDY FOR COUGHS.

With the dry, cold weather of the early winter months, parents of coughy children should be on the alert for ominous symptoms. There is no cause for anxiety when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is kept in the house. If this medicine is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the cough has appeared, the attack may be warded off. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

SHANGHAI LIBEL CASE.

LOCAL PAPERS AFFECTED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
SHANGHAI, December 8.

The action for alleged libel by Mr. E. T. Bethel against North China Daily News commenced at Shanghai, to-day, before Deputy Judge Bourne and a jury. Mr. E. T. Bethel stated that the China Mail, South China Morning Post and the Hongkong Telegraph reproduced the telegram which is alleged to contain the libel.

[Note:—Immediately we became aware that the telegram which was reproduced from the North China Daily News was inaccurate we unreservedly apologised for having reproduced the same.—Ed. C.M.]

CLAIM AGAINST A COM-PRADORE.

Before Sir Francis Pigott, Chief Justice, at the Supreme Court, this morning, an interesting case was heard when Messrs. S. J. David and Co., sued Chan Ut Chiu for alleged damages under a compradore agreement.

A counter claim was put in by defendant for the return of his security of \$65,000 and interest.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., appeared for the plaintiff, instructed by Mr. A. G. Jackson of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Co., Master, and Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., defended, instructed by Mr. J. K. Scott-Harston, of Messrs. Evans and Harston.

The plaintiffs claimed that as part of the consideration of their employment defendant as compradore the defendant agreed to pay them any deficiency in the price of goods which, while he was compradore, should be sold, or agreed to be sold, by them to any Chinese, with or without the consent or knowledge of the defendant. The plaintiff had incurred losses in relation to, or arising out of contracts entered into with Chinese, and the defendant's liabilities as compradore amounted to \$648,816.67 and that was admitted by the defendant in his declaration made in support of a petition in bankruptcy.

A long legal argument followed as to who ought to begin on account of defendant having made an admission in the bankruptcy proceedings that he owed a certain sum to plaintiffs and subsequently pleaded that the admission was wrong, although at the time he believed it to be correct.

His Lordship held that the plaintiff ought to open the case.

In the statement of defence defendant denied that he ever agreed to pay to the plaintiff any deficiency in the price of goods, loss, profit, commission or any losses sustained by the plaintiff as alleged in a portion of the claim. Defendant said he was not liable to pay the claim or any part thereof and denied that the plaintiff's losses amounted to \$648,816.67 or to any sum nearly as large, and that he, as compradore, was not liable to pay it, or any part of it, and that plaintiff had lost all their rights against the defendant by entering into agreements in the early part of August 1906 and the early part of September 1906 to give time to the Chinese concerned for taking delivery of the goods the plaintiffs had contracted to sell. He was liable to pay no more than the difference between the price at which the said goods were contracted to be sold, and the market price, and the market price at the dates on which delivery of the said goods should have been taken, and was not liable to pay anything in the case of goods which the plaintiffs had not in hand at the due date for the delivery thereof. Goods imported by the plaintiffs to meet their contracts were destroyed or damaged by the typhoon of 18th Sept. 1906, and in other storms, and the plaintiffs had received monies in respect of such destroyed or damaged goods, and not credited some to defendant nor had they brought into account in their claim against the defendant certain monies received by them under agreements of compromise with purchasers.

The counter claim stated that defendant repeated the allegations contained in the statement of defence under and in pursuance of the agreement the defendant deposited with the plaintiff \$65,000 as security for the due performance by the defendant of his obligations under the agreement and that those obligations had been performed.

The reply to the defence and counter claim stated that the plaintiffs' agreements, as compradore with the plaintiffs and his obligations were defined in two agreements dated January 30, 1902 and a further agreement on April 27, 1906, and that the defendant was liable to pay the plaintiffs claim in that action. Plaintiffs further contended that the losses amounted to \$648,816.67.

Referring to the counterclaim plaintiffs stated that \$65,000 was deposited by defendant with the plaintiffs where they remain, as security for the due performance of his obligations, which defendant had not fulfilled.

Evidence was called and the case was adjourned.

THE ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.

At an examination in Sanitary Science as applied to Buildings and Public Works, held in Hongkong on May 25th and 27th, 1908, one candidate presented himself, and a Certificate was granted to Samuel R. Boyd.

At an examination for Inspectors of Nuisances, held in Hongkong on May 25th and 27th, 1908, two candidates presented themselves. The following were certified, as regards their Sanitary Knowledge, competent to discharge the duties of Inspectors of Nuisances under the Public Health Act, 1870:—Frederick Ernest Bead, and Robert Hudson.

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CHARGE AGAINST A JOURNALIST.

This morning the arrest was effected, at the office of the *Quay*, of Alfred W. Hall, a reporter, on a charge of forgery and embezzlement at Manila. He was brought before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistrate's Court, and after being formally charged, the case was remanded until Wed. the 16th inst.

TWO OFFICIALS DISMISSED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON, December 8.
Two officials, whose names are not given, have been dismissed for breaking the mourning rules by shaving off their beards a few days ago.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HONGKONG—20th CENTURY.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir.—As I am about to place on record an important historical incident I must be absolutely correct as to my facts. Yesterday at 5.45 p.m. I left the Hongkong Club. The correctness of this can be attested by that well-known and popular member of H.M.S. Services, X—x, R.N., who passed the time of day with me.

I proceeded in a south-westerly direction towards Queen's Buildings when, at 5.45 p.m., I observed a hard-working, honest coolie intent on trying to light the street-lamp nearest the statue of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The h.c. had climbed part way up the lamp-post and was desperately maintaining his position with his toes and the crook of his arm. He had a long bamboo and a box which contained matches, now nearly empty, as was clearly shown by the little heap of kindling wood on the road beneath him.

The typhoon was rapidly approaching the Colony and I greatly feared it would be long enough to master his dialect. At last with a somewhat more than usually violent exclamation he hurled away his bamboo, and seizing up the lamp-post succeeded in getting a lighted match to the gas jet. I threw away the stump of my burnt-out cigarette and continued on my way, but I won't trespass more on your space. Those who want morals in this tale can make them up for themselves. Yours,

A CHIEF WITH A NOTEBOOK.
[Note:—We regret we are unable to reproduce the charming pen and ink illustrations which adorn this letter.—Ed. C.M.]

COLLISION BETWEEN JUNK AND STEAMSHIP.

Sequel in Supreme Court.

You Wan sued the Indo China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., before Mr. Justice Gompertz, at the Supreme Court, this afternoon, for \$1,000, being damages sustained by the plaintiff by reason of a collision between the s.s. Loong Sang and a junk, whereby plaintiff's wife lost her life.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared for the plaintiff and said that, as an action for damages, Messrs. Hastings and Hastings had written to him stating they were willing to assume for the purposes of that case, that the collision was due to negligence.

Plaintiff was called in support of his claim, and gave evidence as to the death of his wife.

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MEMBER OF THE TRIAD SOCIETY.

A charge of being a member of an unlawful society, to wit the Triad Society, was to-day preferred against So Kam Tong, a servant at 60 Canine Road, before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistrate's Court.

The evidence showed that Sergeant Watt visited the house yesterday evening in reference to an alleged larceny, and while there he observed a locked drawer of which defendant had the key. On it being opened defendant hurriedly snatched out a parcel, which on investigation was found to contain Triad Society literature.

Mr. Mok Li Chi, after a perusal of the books, stated that they contained writings of the Society, representations of the Triad seal, and rhymes indicating secret signs.

Defendant, who stated that he knew nothing about the contents of the books, which were left to him by a friend to keep for a few days, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

MASONIC.

At a regular meeting of the United Service Lodge (No. 1841 E.C.) held last night, Wor. Bro. Jones was installed as Wor. Master for the ensuing year by Wor. Bro. T. F. Hough, D.D.G.M., assisted by his Grand Lodge Officers.

The usual banquet was held after the ceremony, about 120 members sitting down, and a very pleasant evening was spent with music and singing.

Wor. Bro. J. N. Jones, invested his Officers as follows:—
I.P.M. Wor. Bro. E. C. L. Lewis; S.W. Bro. W. Wolff; J.W. Bro. O. F. Frost; Treasurer, Wor. Bro. H. G. Baker; Secretary, Wor. Bro. W. H. Woolley; S.D. Bro. E. J. Knight; J.D. Bro. C. A. Atkins; Chaplain, Bro. T. W. Martin; Organist, Bro. J. C. Penelbury; D. of G. Bro. W. R. Sutton; Asst. D. of G. Bro. J. W. Adams; L.G. Bro. G. S. Hill; Steward, Bro. W. J. Livingston; Asst. Steward, Bro. T. G. Gough; Tyler, Bro. J. Vangtone.

OFFICIALS PUNISHED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON, December 8.

Two Yandu officials who were found smoking opium without a license have been degraded and severely punished. The local authorities have received orders to make investigation among the officials and to degrade those who are found to smoke opium still.

SPORTING.

Cricket.

KING ALFRED OFFICERS' & BUFFS OFFICERS.
A match has been arranged for to-morrow (Thursday) between the officers of the King Alfred and the Buffs regiments. This game will commence at 10.45 a.m. By the kindness of the committee and members of the Hongkong Cricket Club, the match will be played on the Club ground. The band of the Buffs will render a selection of music during the afternoon from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m., and the Officers of the Buffs and of the King Alfred will be "At Home" on the ground to all their friends in the Colony.

Lawn Bowls.

For the three competitions which are in progress in connection with the Kowloon Bowling Club the semi-final draws have resulted as follows:—President's prize—D. McIntyre v. D. McCraig, W. J. Crawford v. J. M. Henderson. Vice-President's prize—A. Ramsay v. R. H. Baxter, Capt. Milroy v. J. C. Gow. Championship—J. Ramsay v. J. M. Henderson, W. J. Crawford v. J. C. Gow.

Navy and Army Boxing Championships.

The annual Navy and Army boxing championships concluded at Aldershot on October 29. In seven of the eight weight classes and semi-finals were fought. In the eighth, the officers' featherweights, the final only was left for decision. With championships appearing in practically every series, the boxing was of a very high order, and in the officers' competitions well up to the highest amateur standard. The results were:—

OFFICERS' CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Featherweights—Final: Sub-Lieutenant J. A. Shuter, R.N., beat Lieutenant H. M. Powell, 1st South Staffs.
Lightweights—Lieutenant P. Nowcombe, R.N., beat Sergeant E. L. Atkinson, R.N.
Middleweights—Lieutenant R. B. Campbell, 1st Gordon Highlanders, beat Lieut. R. East, R.N.
Heavyweights—Lieut. G. M. Ellison, 2nd Lincoln Regt., beat Capt. G. W. Bentley, 4th Middlesex.

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Featherweights—Capt. Darley, 1st R. W. Kent Regt., beat Driver A. Widdowbank, A.S.C.
Lightweights—Lance Corporal Baker, 1st R. W. Kent Regt., beat Second Class Petty Officer Dunne, Royal Naval Barracks, Greenwich.
Middleweights—Private J. Murray, 1st Scots Guards, beat Private Harris, 2nd Coldstream Guards.
Heavyweights—Gunner Hewitt, R.M.A., beat Sergeant O'Connor, 8th Dragoon Guards.

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FIRE AT CANTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON, December 8.

Yesterday at about 10.30 a.m. a fire broke out in the city in the Yamen of the Kwong Chow District. Two wings and one central hall were consumed.

PATROL BOATS AT HO YUEN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON, December 8.

In Ho Yuen District, in Wei Chow, robberies are frequently committed on the junks and boats passing along the river, and to protect the business from such attacks patrol-boats have been stationed there. This action on the part of the authorities has impressed the robbers who are obviously subject to any such interference with their business. In retaliation they attacked one of the patrol-boats on Sunday last and threw some explosive on board with the result that the boat was soon ablaze. Then they fired on the soldiers aboard who immediately plunged into the water to save themselves. No soldier is reported as missing, but the affair is quite serious enough as it shows how bold these robbers are becoming.

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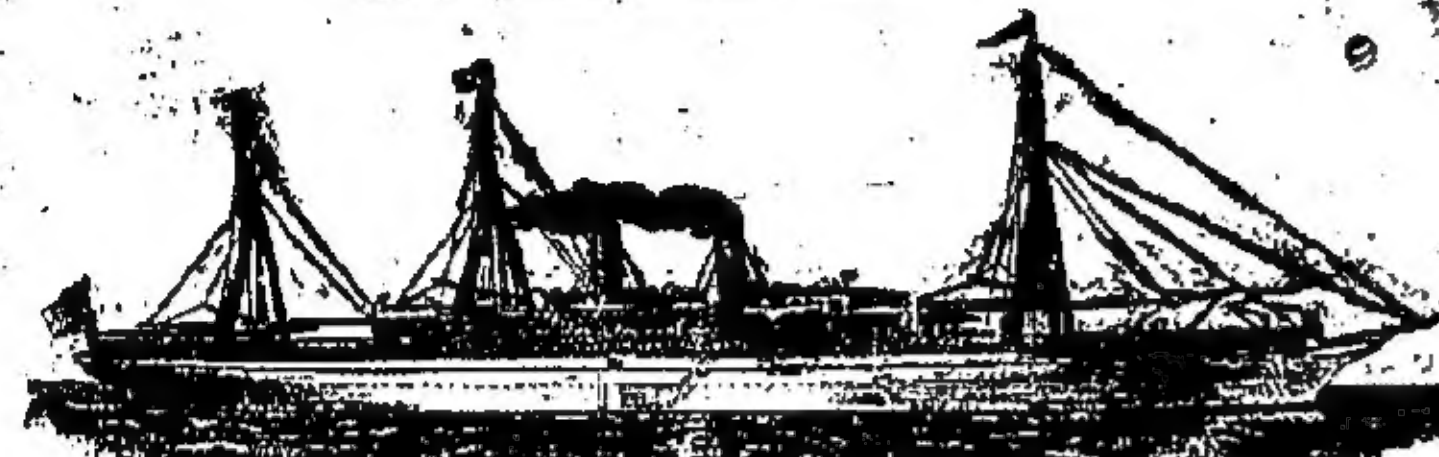
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EMPEROR OF INDIA	SATURDAY, Dec. 19	Jan. 2
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	SATURDAY, Jan. 10, 1909	Feb. 5
EMPEROR OF CHINA	SATURDAY, Feb. 13	Mar. 5
EMPEROR OF MONTAGUE	TUESDAY, Mar. 2	Mar. 26
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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	VESSELS	SAILING DATES, 1908.
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID	WAKASA MARU, Capt. N. Nielsen, Tons 6265	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Dec., at Daylight.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID	SADO MARU, Capt. Geo. Anderson, Tons 6027	WEDNESDAY, 6th Jan., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA and YOKOHAMA	TOKA MARU, Capt. J. Nagao, Tons 5823	TUESDAY, 22nd Dec., at 4 p.m.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA and YOKOHAMA	SHINANO MARU, Capt. K. Kawara, Tons 6388	TUESDAY, 6th Jan., at 4 p.m.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA and YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU, Capt. A. E. Moses, Tons 5639	THURSDAY, 25th Dec., at Noon.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA and YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU, Capt. N. Mathieson, Tons 6078	FRIDAY, Dec. 23, at Noon, 1908.
SHANGHAI & KOBÉ	TOTOMI MARU, Capt. W. Winkler, Tons 3419	WEDNESDAY, 9th Dec., at Noon.
KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA	YEBORI MARU, Capt. E. Kori, Tons 3759	THURSDAY, 17th Dec., at Noon.
KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA	KAWACHI MARU, Capt. H. Peterson, Tons 6101	SATURDAY, 13th Dec., at Daylight.
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID	KUMANO MARU, Capt. N. Mathieson, Tons 6076	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Dec., at Noon.

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VESSELS	SAILING DATES, 1908.
CHINA	10,200 Tons, SATURDAY, 13th Dec., at Noon.
MANCHURIA	27,000 " SATURDAY, 19th Dec., at Noon.
HONGKONG MARU	11,000 " SATURDAY, 26th Dec., at Noon.
ASIA	9,500 " SATURDAY, 2nd Jan., at Noon.
MONGOLIA	27,000 " SATURDAY, 9th Jan., at Noon.
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FOR	VESSELS	TO SAIL
HAIPHONG	SHANGHAI	Dec. 10, at 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Dec. 10, at 4 p.m.
MANILA	SHANGHAI	Dec. 10, at 3 p.m.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PT. DARWIN, COLOMBO, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, with transshipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE & PERTH	TAIWAN	Dec. 12, at 4 p.m.
CEBU & HOLOLO	RAIPONG	Dec. 13, at 4 p.m.
MANILA	RAIPONG	Dec. 22, at 3 p.m.

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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 11th Dec., at Noon.
MANILA, YAP, NEW GUINEA, SAMAR, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	THURSDAY, 11th Dec., at 5 p.m.
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SIAM'S NEW COINAGE.

The Siam Observer prints the text of a provisional translation of the new Gold Standard Act. The Act is too long to reproduce but it may be stated that the theoretical unit is to be the tical of 56.8 centigrammes pure gold. The silver tical of 13.5 grammes shall have a value equal to the gold unit. The tical shall be divided into 100 satang. The coins to be minted are the dos or 10-tical gold piece, the tical, two satang and satang in silver, the 30 and 5 satang in nickel and the satang in bronze. Gold and one tical pieces are to be unlimited legal tender; subsidiary silver up to five ticals; nickel and bronze up to one tical. Foreign coins not legal tender unless expressly provided for. A stability reserve fund is to be built up to consist of a sum of 12,000,000 ticals transferred to the fund of the gross profit and income emanating from the fund. The fund kept in Siam shall be in gold and silver either bullion or coin. Demonstration will be accomplished gradually.

SIR CECIL CLEMENTI SMITH AND THE INTERNATIONAL OPIUM COMMISSION.

Nothing could more tend to reassure the people and the Governments of the Eastern Colonies, which have so much at stake in the forthcoming proceedings of the International Opium Commission that is to assemble before long at Shanghai, than to see that His Majesty's Government has selected, as the chief British Commissioner, a distinguished former Governor of this Colony in the person of Sir Cecil Clementi Smith. And it is fitting that the Colony whose revenue interests are most deeply implicated in any policy that may diverge from that now existing, namely, the Straits Settlements, with the Protectorate of the Federated Malay States, should have been that with which Sir Cecil Smith's career should have been most continuously associated, as Colonial Secretary, and Officer Administering the Government, and as Governor and Commander-in-Chief. As a junior officer of the Colonial Civil Service, Sir Cecil Smith made his debut at Hongkong as a student interpreter in 1862. He passed through various grades in the Hongkong Civil Service, finally becoming Colonial Treasurer and member of the Executive and Legislative Councils. From Hongkong Sir Cecil was transferred to the Straits Settlements in 1878 in the time of Sir W. C. F. Robinson's Governorship, as Colonial Secretary, and so continued under General Anson and Sir Frederick Weld, both acting Governors, until 1885, when Sir Cecil Smith was appointed Lieutenant-Governor and Colonial Secretary of Ceylon. He had, however, only joined that appointment for a short time, after a period of leave to England, when he was appointed to the Governorship of this Colony, of whose people and of whose affairs he had already so intimate a knowledge. The warmth of Sir Cecil Smith's welcome on his return was proved by the universal demonstration that greeted him upon his landing, and the emphatic satisfaction of the public at the fact that the administration of the Colony was being continued in the hands of one whose knowledge of the Chinese language and Chinese affairs was not surpassed by that of the famous Tai-jin Mr. Pickering himself, and whose abilities in general administration had ensured the esteem and admiration of the community at large. In every way Sir Cecil Smith's appointment to the Governorship was that of the right man in the right place, and more than that, at that particular time, that of the only right man in the right place. His policy in regard to the repression of Secret Societies proved a marked success although there were many who feared that the Societies would come to be more dangerous for being driven below the surface. The large powers of deportation assumed by the Government during Sir Cecil Smith's term practically assured the grip of the Protectorate upon the Chinese Societies. These remarks are made not so much as a general tribute to Sir Cecil Smith's personal abilities, but rather to indicate that in dealing with Chinese stevedores and officials Sir Cecil Smith's special familiarity with Chinese modes of thought and political methods, acquired as Registrar-General in Hongkong and confirmed by his long experience in the Straits Settlements, will stand him in excellent stead during the proceedings of the Opium Commission at Shanghai. There is one point upon which Sir Cecil Smith will be well equipped to watch over the interests of Hongkong and this Colony, and that is in the matter of the possible ways in which the recommendations of the Commission may affect the Colonial revenues. That care for the Colonial interests, so far as this Colony was concerned, was displayed in the splendid front shown by the Governor and the Executive Council (with two contemptible exceptions) in the matter of the arbitrary action of Lord Ripon in regard to the abrupt doubling of the military expenditure apart from Sir Cecil Smith's high and seasonable qualifications, the special points on which this Colony may congratulate itself on his selection as chief British Commissioner in the Conference at Shanghai, are his exceptional knowledge of the official Chinese dialect and the Chinese official character, and the certainty that there is no question that he will watch over so vigilantly as the possible effect upon the Colonial revenues of such proposals as suggestions as may be brought forward in the International Opium Conference.

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HAIPHONG	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	TUESDAY, 15th Dec., at Noon.

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MARSEILLES, via PORT SAID, DUMBEA	BOTER		Dec. 22, at 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA	HERNAN		Jan. 4, p.m., 1909.
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SHANGHAI, via FOOCHOW, LOKSANG	THURSDAY, 10th Dec., at Noon.	
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MANILA, YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ & MOI	FRIDAY, 11th Dec., at 4 p.m.	
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to	HONGKONG	from Colombo to	MARSEILLES	LYONS
Colombo		MARSEILLES & LONDON	(Brindisi)	(1 day later)
DEVANHA	Dec. 12	HIMALAYA	Jan. 8	Jan. 18
DELTA	Dec. 25	MONGOLIA	Jan. 22	Jan. 28
ASHA	1909 Jan. 9	INDIA	Feb. 5	Feb. 13
DELHI	1909 Jan. 23	VICTORIA	Feb. 19	Feb. 27
DEVANHA	Feb. 6	MOREA	Mar. 5	Mar. 13
BEITANHA	Feb. 20	MOULTAN	Mar. 19	Mar. 27
DELTA	Mar. 6	CHINA	Apr. 2	Apr. 10
MACEDONIA	Mar. 20	MAIWA	Apr. 17	May 5
DELHI	Apr. 3	MONGOLIA	May 15	May 23
DEVANHA	Apr. 17			

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NILE	Dec. 25	Feb. 28
SUDA	1909 Jan. 9	Mar. 13
NYANZA	Feb. 6	Mar. 20
MALTA	Feb. 20	Mar. 27
NOBE	Mar. 6	Apr. 10

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TSIFANAS	JAVA	Do.	SHANGHAI	Do.
TSILWONG	JAPAN	First half of January	JAVA	First half of January
TSIKINI	JAVA	Do.	JAPAN	Do.
TSIMAH	JAVA	Do.	SHANGHAI	Do.
TSILATAP	JAVA	First half of February	SHANGHAI	First half of February

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